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To ensure the most efficient use of State resources, the October 21, 2015 ITTC meeting was held via telephone conference pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8. A telephone conference also ensured more Commissioners were able to participate in the meeting and reduced the risk of delays caused by weather or other impediments to travel. The meeting was accessible to members of the public through attendance at the Grimes State Office Building.

I. Roll Call:

- **Commissioners Present:**

Richard Bruner, Chair (on-site)
Kelly Dolan Lange, Member (phone)
Timothy Lapointe, Member (phone)
Kathleen Kohorst, Member (phone)
Mary Sellers, Member (phone)
Mary Mosiman, Ex-Officio Member (phone)
Robert von Wolfradt, Ex-Officio Member (on-site)

- **Iowa Communications Network Staff Present:**

Ric Lumbard, Executive Director
Mark Johnson, Chief Operating Officer
Deb Evans, Chief Financial Officer
David Marley, Operations Manager
Philip Groner, Business Services Manager
Mike Cruise, Financial Manager
Jontell Harris, Government Relations Director
Jessica Jensen, Executive Administrator (Recorder/Minutes)
Lori Larsen, Communications Director
Dave Marley, Operations Manager

- **Guests:**

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Frank Hilton, Iowa Network Services (INS)
Joe Coon, Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency (AEA) (phone)
Anna Hyatt-Crozier, House Democratic Staff
Jennifer Acton, Legislative Services Agency (LSA)

II. Call to Order

- Chairperson Bruner called the meeting to order at 10:32 am. It was noted that a quorum of members were present for the meeting.

III. Approval of September 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

- Chair Bruner requested a motion to approve the September 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sellers moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lapointe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kohorst – Yes
Commissioner Lange – Yes
Commissioner Lapointe – Yes
Commissioner Sellers – Yes
Commissioner Bruner – Yes

IV. Old Business:

- **FirstNet Update – Ric Lumbard**

- FirstNet State Point of Contact (SPOC) Meeting Update
- Data Submission Challenge
- 2nd State Consultation

The state was invited to Colorado for the SPOC meeting to prepare for the Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be released. FirstNet is expected to release the RFP by the end of December. It was a challenge to pull together all of the data for the state but the information was submitted by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and ICN. Once

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the RFP is released, responses will be submitted by carriers. Within the State of Iowa, we will be looking at partnering with the private sector and we are working on a letter to send to FirstNet recommending that Iowa-based telecommunications entities be given significant opportunity to provide input into the FirstNet procurement process as it relates to Iowa.

In January of 2016, the State of Iowa will be part of the test pilot of the consultations nationally.

Comments:

Bruner: What was your impression of the individuals at the meeting and the knowledge of the RFP? Will they be ready?

Lumbard: They have no choice but to be ready. You are watching a public safety birthed organization running more like an entrepreneurship than a government-run organization. FirstNet is very aggressive. They are doing what they say and saying what they will do. They are developing business models with the additional spectrum. They are looking at cost, technological challenges and looking at everything very practically.

One thing that came up was the opt-in/opt-out discussion. The governor could simply just not say anything and the entire process of FirstNet would still happen in the state. To either not answer or opt-in is simply the same thing. In Iowa, we have kept the governor very well informed of the FirstNet conversation. In some states the governor may not even be aware of the FirstNet process at all.

Bruner: So there is a 90 day window to opt-out otherwise the default is that FirstNet will happen.

Lumbard: Yes.

Lapointe: Is there is difference between the states that have state owned carrier networks?

Lumbard: Well, Iowa is extremely unique in that sense. There are not many states that are like Iowa and there are states at great disadvantage. The FirstNet design came out of a demand of public safety and it is designed by teams of public safety professionals. It was not just a legislative program push.

- **Finance Update – Mike Cruise**

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September FY2016 – Our cash for operations for September was a little over \$195,000. That gives us a year-to-date (YTD) total of \$221,000. That's \$421,000 over FY 2015 through September. We did send out and record \$232,000 of fiber cut and compression issues that we had from prior fiscal years so that will show in the September numbers as a net against the expense.]

Overall, we are still maintaining a margin at a little over 74%.

Comments:

Bruner: Great Report.

- **Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council (SYBAC) Update – Lori Larsen**

The first SYBAC meeting was held on October 13. We used a video conferencing application called "Zoom". We had students connect using their iPhones, iPads, MacBooks, and laptops. 11 students attended the first SYBAC meeting. It was a two hour meeting with the first hour dedicated to introductions. The second hour was student led. The ICN listened to the interaction of the students regarding some of their technology interests as well as technological challenges. They are excited and interested in what the future holds.

Comments:

Bruner: Were the connections alright? Were the students vocal?

Larsen: Yes the connection worked great and the students interacted well with each other.

Bruner: Great idea and it looks like SYBAC is exceeding our expectations.

Lumbard: We randomly appointed one student as the chair for that meeting and he took off and ran the entire meeting.

Bruner: It's monthly?

Larsen: Yes

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Bruner: Great job Lori!

V. New Business

- **ICN Executive Dashboard – Ric Lombard**

We are in the process of integrating the information into the ICN Executive Dashboard software. That automatic dashboard will be interactive to the Leadership Team and will be coming online soon. The areas that will be covered with the dashboard are Broadband, Product Services, Channel Margin and Product Transport as well as additional areas that manage performance of the ICN such as incident response and performance sales response. We will begin to manage margin and we hope to be able to release it by the next Commission meeting.

VI. Other Business

Comment:

Bruner: We have had some issues with contracting over the years and have reacted to those issues. As a result, we had a meeting with leaders from the Iowa Communications Alliance (ICA) to begin discussing these issues. About one month ago, we held a webcast that the ICA broadcasted and ICN staff did a great job discussing and explaining the requirements for contracting that the ICN does. There is a lot of mystery around contracting and the kinds of contracting that we do. They asked us to make some changes in terms of allotted response times and we were able to do so. The 30 day response times were extended to 60 days in most cases. This has been a big issue. Just wanted to say thank you to the group.

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VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Kohorst moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion. The ITTC meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

ATTESTED TO:

Richard Bruner, Chair, Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission

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